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Announcing the 1016th Monthly Meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

8:00 PM, Wednesday, November 22, 2000

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval at 38th Avenue, San Francisco



Spanish Colonial

Featuring a talk by Rodney Baker

*Members are asked to bring items relating to the topic,
recent acquisitions, or other items of interest.*

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CALENDAR

Numismatic Meetings and Events

- ❖ November 22, Wednesday 8PM **PCNS Monthly Meeting**
Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval, San Francisco

If members know of numismatic events which should be included in this calendar, please provide details to *The Bulletin* editor: Stephen Huston 1-510-475-8624

We will list timely events of numismatic interest as space allows.



PPIE AUCTION FIRST ROUND SUCCESS

The auction of the Society's Panama Pacific International Exposition collection material began with our October meeting where bids on the first 10 lots reached the \$400 range. That material was then placed on eBay with reserves, and the lots which exceeded members' reserves raised the final sale price to roughly the \$900 mark.

PCNS President Michael Wehner is preparing the next round of the auction with a list of the lots to be sent to members in the near future.

This is turning out to be a remarkably good return to the Society based on the initial sales. PCNS has several hundred items in its PPIE material which we expect to place back into the hands of collectors with this series of multi-level auctions. This sale process may actually take several years with a small number of lots being offered each month or bimonthly.

Among the items which will eventually be offered are about 200 souvenir postcards from the PPIE event and 1915 era.

OCTOBER PROGRAM REPORT

George Proctor stepped into the spotlight in October to provide an introduction to collecting paper money. He briefly described his interests in the rules behind Federal Currency as well as the desire to collect beautifully engraved notes.

He described the period of 1830–1870 as the “Golden Age of Engraving.” All of the notes of this period are among the vast area loosely called obsolete currency.

George described how Samuel P. Chase started circulating greenbacks and later tried to outlaw paper as a circulating medium of exchange.

More counterfeits than authentic notes were generally in circulation during the early years of paper money, and counterfeit detection publications were used by banks and merchants. Among the books and notes George brought were several standard references on paper and some specialized catalogs, including a Christies sale of proofs from the archives of the American Banknote Company. George described his own desire to own ABC stock, which he purchased just before it was removed from public trading. Well-timed, George, and thank you for a fun and informative presentation.

OCTOBER MEETING EXHIBITS

We had a wide range of material on exhibit by our members this time, starting with a 1/3-Stater in electrum from ancient Lydia, brought by Ken Takahashi — his oldest coin.

Herb Miles brought \$12 “Hip Hop” Notes which the members quickly grabbed.

Michael Wehner displayed a gilt Charbenneau Dollar from about 1939 (GGIE).

Gordon Donnell displayed his ill-gotten gains from the previous month of plundering the raffles from around the Bay Area coin clubs.

Larry Reppeteau brought a £5 proof for the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum.

Jack Free had several PPIE medals and a slabbed 1922-No-D Cent, providing us with a short talk on the difficulty of finding a certifiable specimen of this striking error.

Mark Clark brought a French fair medal from a Mexican Expo in Paris, and a Mexican token from the “Place of Two Rabbits.”

Phil Nordin provided a mini-talk on Numismagic, lucky coins and coin superstitions. He described the practice of giving a penny with a new knife, using 6-pence in weddings, and described several items which he had with additional stories behind them.

RAFFLE

The evening ended with a raffle and prizes won by George Proctor, Jerry Schimmel, Larry Reppeteau, Jack Free, and — you guessed it — Gordon Donnell.

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SYMPOSIUM

PCNS hosted the first CSNA Education Symposium for Northern California on November 4th. All who attended seemed to have a good time and enjoy the four speakers: Stephen Huston, Bob Campbell, Donald Kagin, and Wendell Wolka.

Several CSNA members, PCNS members and guests came from Southern California, and there was a brief mention by several people that they would like to see this be an annual event. All who worked on this event deserve our thanks for making it a great day.

Perhaps our November meeting will include some discussion and review of the event and some consideration of recommendations to CSNA or other clubs about its future.

NEW MEMBER / NEW RESEARCH

An application for membership in PCNS was received from Bill Weber of Fulton at our last meeting. Bill is working on a research paper regarding California octagonal slugs — a topic likely to be of interest to several other members. If you would like to review Bill's paper in progress, contact PCNS President Michael Wehner to arrange to see a copy.

REMEMBER THE JOURNAL?

Copies of many old issues of the PCNS quarterly publication, *The Journal*, have been located by our former editor. We will be determining their fate (how to distribute them?) at the November meeting.

